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## Last Surviving Member of the Confederate Congress Distinction Belongs to Judge J. A. Orr, Native of South Carolina, Now Residing in Columbus, Miss.—Sketch of His Life.

The career of Judge J. A. Orr, which the Times-Dispatch presents in the article printed below, has been the subject of interest by thousands throughout the South. Judge Orr was born in the Palmetto State, in Anderson County, where he is now living many of his relatives. He graduated at Erskine College, Due West, and in 1842 became a resident of Mississippi, in which State he has won signal honors. He was a prominent figure in the Confederate Congress, and at the age of eighty-five finds himself a unique figure, in that he is the only surviving member of the Confederate Congress. His activities as jurist, army officer, legislator and diplomat are interestingly related in the following article taken from the Chattanooga Times.

### Judge Orr's Early Life.

Judge J. A. Orr, who, until his retirement from active life, was in the present year, at the age of eighty-five, has been consistently designated as the Senator of the Mississippi. He was born in the Palmetto State, in Anderson County, in 1828, and is a son of Christopher and Martha McCann Orr, both of whom were born in Anderson County. His grandfather was a captain of dragoons in the Continental service during the War of the Revolution, taking part in the battle of the Cowpens and other engagements in South Carolina.

His father, Judge Orr, was a prominent figure in the South, and was a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. He was a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, and was a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives.

He became a resident of Mississippi in 1842, and when the Civil War broke out, he was loyal to the Constitution and the rights of the South, manifesting his allegiance in no uncertain way. In 1862, he was commissioned by President Lincoln to raise a regiment for the Confederate army.

He recruited a regiment of 1,000 men, and on April 8, 1862, was unanimously elected colonel of this regiment. He was in command of this regiment during the entire Mississippi campaign of 1862-63, under the command of General Beauregard.

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other Congressmen on his return to Richmond. It could not be said that had this mission would have been successful, but the final result might or might not have been different. But it is unquestionable that the immediate cause of failure was a matter which demanded "peace to the two countries."

In 1876 the National Democratic Convention at St. Louis nominated Tilden and Hendricks and adopted a platform accepting the laws of 1862, 1863, and 1864, and demanding a repeal of the odious tariff laws of 1862. In that year the following words appear: "We do reaffirm our faith in the permanency of the Federal Union, and its amendments, universally accepted as a final settlement to the controversy which has been the cause of this war."

In this campaign Judge Orr made party speeches for the Democratic nominees.

From 1865 till April, 1876, he served as judge of the Sixth Judicial District. His judicial fairness, fearlessness and legal ability distinguished his administration. He was a member of the bar, and an important corporation, and for many years counsel for the M. and O. Railroad.

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duced a reconsideration of the vote of the committee. Judge Orr and Chancellor were then appointed a committee to investigate the matter. They employed Mr. Priestly, a lawyer from the Palmetto State, to investigate the matter. He estimated that there were 1,250,000 acres of land in the hands of the two countries. The committee made a majority report, recommending the board to accept a bid, amounting to about \$70,000, for the lumber trees upon the land. Judge Orr made a minority report, and the discussion ran through three meetings of the board, when Judge A. R. Roane, Colonel J. R. McIntosh and President A. C. Kincaid came to his aid, and his minority report was adopted. This time was afterwards sold for about \$110,000, more than would have been otherwise secured. The land was still owned by the lands and all the small timber of ten inches in diameter standing upon it.

Judge Orr has long been an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of the Palmetto State. He was a devoted and appreciative student of the Bible, he has come prominently before the public through his religious labors. He is a member of the board of trustees of the University of the Palmetto State.

Early in the session Mr. Orr, of Mississippi, introduced into the conference a bill to amend the laws of the State in the session of 1865 in the celebration of the centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The bill was passed by a vote of 100 yeas and 10 nays.

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ultimately result in the decadence and ultimate destruction of this nation—unless, as the Son of God arose from His stone-sealed grave, the old South effects its actual resurrection, for the apparent success of wrong can alone be overcome by the arising of right from each and every death to which it is necessarily obliged to submit.

Such a statement must be so amplified by facts and so supported by logical argument that our weary human bodies take on new strength, and in the face of threatened deaths without number, live again.

Fortunately, those premises upon which the South and the North have built in the past are so clearly and distinctly defined that attention need not be called to them in a general way.

The South worshipped Almighty God, assuming that His creation was perfect and His sole desire for human beings the recognition of human rights. Accepting biblical statements, the South saw in the blacks a race made in the image of God and for their service, as the whites are made in the image of God and for His service.

Giving birth to this nation, which had as its purpose the recognition of the rights of all created beings, exactly as they were created, the South first framed the Bill of Rights, which insures to every human being every gift of Almighty God as against no matter how great a majority.

The North, as a class, of less intelligence and with no God save the dollar, assumed that human beings could better creative powers work, and distinctly affirmed that, whatever the fiat of the majority might be, no individual dare oppose it.

Subtly summarized, the South stood for the goodness of God and the right of the individual (not as defined by man, but as defined by creative power, in His creation as to class and condition), against no matter what majority.

The North distinctly stood for the infallibility of the majority, the fallacy of creative power and the prostitution of the rights of the individual to whatever end the majority desired.

Slavery in the South consisted in having and holding slaves from birth to death, as creatures of a lower scale for whom the white was responsible, and the mere fact that capital was invested in these blacks firmly assured all the necessities of life and health from the day of birth to that of burial for every member of each slave family.

The conditions of "employment" at the North were those imposed by men who recognized no human rights save their own selfish ideas; as a result, employment and wage were given solely at the option of the employer, who, utterly refusing to accept the burden imposed by Almighty God, gave a stipend only to healthy, active workmen and to these only during hours of health, absolutely refusing to assume any onus as to the child or the aged adult, the sick or the poor.

One of the first acts of the North was that relative to "slavery," viz.: the refusal to grant to Southern property rights in the slave, and no matter what may be said as to "slavery," not being one of the excuses for the war, it was the sole and active cause in the attack of the North on the South; and distinctly for the following reason:

Naturally not only were the conditions of labor at the North extremely irksome, but the North had given to